

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for providing salary data to a self designated survey group,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing
4 salary data;

5 accepting memberships from a plurality of members to the salary survey
6 service;

7 storing the salary data from at least a portion of the members in a database
8 associated with the server;

9 grouping a portion of the plurality members into survey group designated by
10 the portion of the plurality of members;

11 generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data
12 provided by members of the survey group; and

13 providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

1 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein members of the survey group are from at
2 least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service
2 comprise companies.

1 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service
2 comprise individuals.

1 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service
2 comprise trade associations.

1 6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of accepting memberships comprises
2 accepting contributor memberships and subscriber memberships.

1 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of grouping further includes the step
2 of receiving designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group.

1 8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of generating further includes the
2 step of receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

1 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further
2 comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

1 10. The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further
2 comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey
3 service.

- 1 11. The method of Claim 1, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job
2 positions.

12. A method for providing salary data to a survey group, comprising the steps of:

establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing salary data;

accepting contributor memberships and subscriber memberships from a plurality of members to the salary survey service;

storing the salary data from the contributor members in a database associated with the server;

receiving designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group;

grouping a portion of the plurality members into the survey group designated by a portion of the plurality of contributor members;

receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey;

generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data provided by members of the survey group; and

providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein members of the survey group are from at least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1 14. The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
2 service comprise companies.

1 15. The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
2 service comprise individuals.

1 16. The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
2 service comprise trade associations.

1 17. The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further
2 comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

1 18. The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further
2 comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey
3 service.

1 19. The method of Claim 12, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job
2 positions.

1 20. A system for providing survey data for members of a survey group via an
2 Internet, comprising:

3 a database for storing salary data; and

4 a server providing access to the Internet, said server configured to:

5 accept memberships from members to a salary survey service;

6 store the salary data received from at least a portion of the members in
7 the database;

8 group a portion of the plurality members into survey group designated
9 by the portion of the plurality of members;

10 generate a salary survey for members of the survey group using the
11 stored salary data provided by the members of the survey group; and

12 provide access to the salary survey via the Internet.

1 21. The system of Claim 20, wherein members of the survey group are from at
2 least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1 22. The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
2 service comprise companies.

3 23. The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
4 service comprise individuals.

1 24. The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary
2 service comprise trade associations.

1 25. The system of Claim 20, wherein the memberships comprise contributing
2 memberships and subscriber memberships.

1 26. The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive
2 designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group.

1 27. The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive
2 parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

1 28. The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to provide
2 access to only members of the survey group.

1 29. The system of Claim 1, wherein the server is further configured to provide
2 access to the plurality of members of the salary survey service.

1 30. The system of Claim 1, wherein the salary data is related to predetermined job
2 positions.